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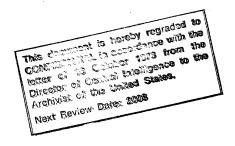
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- l. Within the Soviet Government there exists a "Council for the Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church", headed by G. G. Narpov. The Council is attached to the Council of Ministers of the USSR.
- 2. There is no information available which would lead to the belief that the Council has been transformed into a "Ministry of Cults", mentioned in previous reports, and recent issues of the Journal of the Moscow Patriarchate give no reason to believe that any such weasure is being considered.
- All matters pertaining to the Russian Church are subordinated to the Council for the Affairs of the Russian Orthodox Church.

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